

## Remedial Branch update 9-13-17 for the 9/14/17 Report

All 43 Federal Superfund NPL Sites in the affected area have been assessed. Of these, 41 sites have been cleared, and two sites (San Jacinto Pits and US Oil Recovery) require additional follow-up.

Beginning on September 6, 2017, EPA directed potentially responsible parties or independently started collecting samples at 34 Texas Superfund Sites and 9 Louisiana Superfund Sites to confirm no releases due to storm impacts. Six EPA field teams along with potentially responsible parties completed sampling at 39 sites. The sampling is part of a longer-term assessment that will be used to transition sites to their normal cleanup operations. On September 13, 2017, teams completed all sampling in Texas, except one site that will be sampled September 14, 2017. Sampling in Louisiana will be complete by September 15, 2017. Preliminary un-validated results for Texas are expected by September 16, 2017, while those for Louisiana are expected by September 18, 2017.

US Oil: The PRP Group continues pump down operations to maintain freeboard. Since the time the pump down operations began, after the hurricane landfall, a total of 61 truckloads of storm water (approximately 305,000 gallons) have been removed from the Site. At the request of EPA, the PRP performed additional site inspections of both properties earlier today. An EPA OSC also conducted an independent inspection of both the properties earlier today. Nothing unusual was found.

San Jacinto: The EPA dive team and the responsible party continue cap probing activities. Rock placement and cap repairs continue. Temporary fencing is also being installed for site security.